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Office Action Summary

Application No.

08/809,650

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.

Group Art Unit

1648



X Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 Jun 1997

This action is **FINAL**.

Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire 1 month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

X Claim(s) 14-34 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

X Claims 14-34 are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

All ☐ Some* ☐ None ☐ of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

Interview Summary, PTO-413

Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Restriction Requirement

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5 A Fax cover sheet is attached to this Office Action for your convenience. We encourage your participation in this Pilot program. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact Donald E. Adams, Ph.D., Supervisory Patent Examiner at Donald.Adams@uspto.gov or 703-308-0570. Thank you in advance for allowing us to enhance our
10 customer service. **Please limit the use of this dedicated Fax number to responses to Written Restrictions.**

Restriction

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required
15 under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- a. Group I, claim(s) 14-34, drawn to a method for inhibiting retroviral replication through the administration of a muramyl peptide derivative, classified in class 435, subclass 5.
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3. Applicants are advised that each of the muramyl peptide derivatives employed in the claimed methodology contain different chemical structures and attendant chemical/biochemical properties and will require separate searches. Accordingly, each methodology claim
25 employing a different chemical compound would constitute an independent and distinct invention. Therefore, applicants are required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a **single disclosed chemical compound** from Group I (e.g., the chemical substituent or integer corresponding to R, R1, R2, X, α , and β , should clearly be
30 identified). Applicants should amend the claim language

appropriately to reflect this election.

4. Because these inventions are independent and distinct for the reasons given above, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

5. Due to the complexity of the claimed subject matter a telephonic election was not performed.

Claim Cancellation

6. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a diligently-filed petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h).

Correspondence

7. The Art Unit location of your application in the Patent and Trademark Office has changed. To facilitate the correlation of related papers and documents for this application, all future correspondence should be directed to **art unit 1648**.

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D., whose telephone number is (703) 308-2227. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM. A message may be left on the examiner's voice

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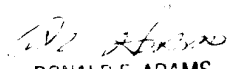
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mail service. If attempts to reach the examiner are unsuccessful,
the examiner's supervisor, Donald E. Adams, Ph.D., can be reached at
(703) 308-0570. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the
status of this application should be directed to the Group 1600
receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey S. Parkin, Ph.D.
Patent Examiner
Art Unit 1648

02 August, 1998


DONALD E. ADAMS
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